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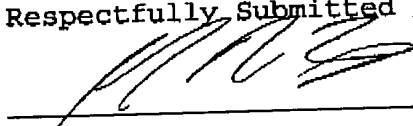
REMARKS

The following remarks are in response to the Office Action mailed on July 2, 2003. Upon entrance of the amendments set out above, Claims 25-34, 36-44 and 46-61 remain pending in this application.

Claims 25-34 and 36-44 were allowed. New claims 46-61 include two independent claims 46 and 56. Claims 46 and 56 include the limitations of claim 25. However, they include additional limitations setting forth the topology of the converter. Also, they are limited to cutting and welding (and no longer refer to heating).

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application should be allowed. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned below if it will aid in the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully Submitted



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